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1. APPRECIATE INFOR REFTTEL, WHICH CORROBORATES WHAT WE GATHER FROM DFA.
2. REGARDING LAST SENTENCE (WHETHER AUSTRALIA INTENDS TO NEGOTIATE BOTH WITH EURATOM AND RPT AND THE FRENCH), IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO DFA, FRENCH NEGOTIATORS WHO HAVE SPOKEN TO THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE POOH-POOHED THE NOTION THAT THE EC COMMISSION COULD STAND IN THE WAY OF A GOF-GOA AGREEMENT (AS IT DID WITH RESPECT TO THE BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT).
3. THE AUSTRALIANS ASSUME THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE EC'S DELIBERATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE TO AUTHORIZE EURATOM TO

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NEGOTIATE A "SUPPLY" AGREEMENT WITH THE GOA, BUT THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY -- "FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGE" -- END UP HAVING TO SIGN SEPARATE SAFEGUARDS (AND PERHAPS REDUNDANT SUPPLY) AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL OF THE MAJOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHERS.
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